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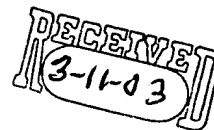
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(s): Juha Ojanpera  
SERIAL NO.: 09/610,461 ART UNIT: 2655  
FILING DATE: 7/5/00 EXAMINER: Opsasnick, Michael N.  
TITLE: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE CODING EFFICIENCY OF  
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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2003 (Paper No. 8) in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

1. Claims 1-39 remain in the application.
2. Claims 1-39 are not anticipated by Matsumoto et al. (US 5,819,212, hereinafter "Matsumoto").

Matsumoto fails to disclose or suggest determining a coding efficiency for a predicted signal by using information indicative of the part of the signal to be coded, as called for in independent claims 1, 21, and 27. Furthermore, Matsumoto fails to disclose or suggest another feature of the independent